

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 4–19 are pending in this Application. Claim 1 has been amended herein. Claims 2–3 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. These amendments were not made for any substantial reasons related to patentability (§§102, 103). No new matter has been added. Entry is requested.

The May 25 office action contained no rejections on the merits (§§102, 103) and made only a single rejection pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112. Specifically, claims 1 and 4–19 were alleged to be indefinite because “[t]he claims don’t seem to read on the elected figure 1” because, although claim 1 calls for an image forming apparatus having a plurality of contact point portions which contact terminal portions in the container stand, Figure 1 actually discloses the battery charger having the plurality of contact point portions that contact the contact terminal portions of the container stand. (5/25/06, Office Action, at p. 2).

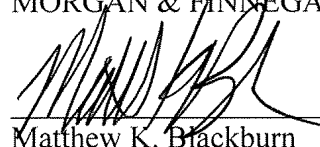
Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to recite “the charging means being mounted to the image forming apparatus and having a plurality of contact point portions and the container stand having a plurality of contact terminal portions.” Applicants assert that the scope of claim 1 would be understood by those of ordinary skill in the art. As amended, claim 1 clearly reads on the elected Figure 1. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

CONCLUSION

For the above-stated reasons, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5166.

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